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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to seek the participation of NGOs/Voluntary Organisations etc. to create public awareness at National level to achieve the targets fixed for the National Population Control Policy, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) For creating public awareness at the National, State and grass root level for achieving the goals set in the National Population Policy, 2000, Government is actively seeking the participation of NGOs and voluntary Organisations.During the current year, an amount of Rs.22 crores has been allocated for providing financial assistance to NGOs for undertaking activities related to counseling couples and adolescents on family planning, reproductive health care; generation of awareness in under-served areas on a range of issues such as gender exclusive breast feeding, provisions of the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 and accessing contraceptives etc. Some NGOs are also providing assistance for providing training to traditional birth attendants at village level, and capacity building in communities for accessing health services.